The number of unmanned level crossings converted into manned crossings during last three years is as folows:

1985-86	1986-87	1987-
222	97	47

(b) No. Sir.

(c) Number of accidents at unmanned level crossings during the last 3 years and the number of persons killed and injured is as under:—

Year	No. of accidents at unmanned level crossings	No. of casualties		
		Killed	Injured	Total
1985-86	40	54	153	207
1986-87	46	95	189	284
1987-88	41	54	87	141

(d) No compensation is payable in the case of accidents to the road users at an unmanned level crossing under the Indian Railways Act.

The Railways have so far been following the policy of manning of unmanned level crossings where the volume of traffic or other special features justify manning. However, based on the practices obtaining in other advanced countries, Indian Railways are presently contemplating the provision of a solar-powered, radio-operated, automatic audio-visual warning system actuated by the approaching train to caution the road users well in advance. This system, which will minimise the need for manning of unmanned level crossings, is now under trial.

Introduction of cold storage on the rail

2592. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the desirability of introducing cold storage on the rail' to carry fruits, vegetables, fish and other perishable goods so as to encourage the growers to produce more and the consumers get the best at reasonable price; and

(b) what are the existing facilities available with the Railways in this regard and what would be the projected increase in the traffic by introduction of the said moving cold storages?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A few refrigerated vans were manufactured in the past for transportation of perishable items but the same were not sufficiently patronised. Therefore, the prospects of this traffic is negligible.

At present only 3 refrigerated vans are available with the Railways.

Seminar on Child Abuse

2593. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a seminar on Child Abuse was held in Delhi during the third week of June 1988;

(b) if so, what are the names of the participants in this seminar;

(c) what is the nature of discussion held; and